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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

John F. Blake

Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT:

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1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached memorandum for the NFIB on Executive Order 12065.

- Background: The President signed Executive Order 12065 on National Security Information on 28 June 1978 and established standards that must be met for material to be classified. The driving force behind the Order was to strike an appropriate balance between the public's right to government information and the government's need to protect information which needs to be kept secret. You, as head of the Intelligence Community, have statutory responsibility to protect intelligence activities, sources and methods which must be kept classified. Also, you have, by commissioning the study, taken special cognizance of the need to get more intelligence information to consumers without sacrificing proper security needs.
- The Executive Order is to become effective on 1 December 1978 and it is believed appropriate that you remind the NFIB members that you expect full compliance with both the letter and spirit of the Executive Order.
- Recommendation: That you sign the attached memorandum to the NFIB.

/s/ John & Blake

John F. Blake

Attachment

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